

Chapter 1: RULES OF THE ATLANTIC SALMON COMMISSION

1.01 General Seasons

There shall be no open fishing season for anadromous Atlantic Salmon, except as provided in section 1.03.

1.02 Size and Bag Limits

Fishing for anadromous Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) is prohibited statewide, except as provided in section 1.03. Any anadromous Atlantic salmon caught incidentally to other angling shall be released alive immediately without removal from the water.

1.03 Experimental Open Season

1. Time Period

There will be a limited, experimental open season for directed angling for Atlantic salmon from May 1, 2008 to May 31, 2008 on the Penobscot River in the area specified below.

2. Open Area

Penobscot River; between two painted red markers placed on opposing banks that are 150 feet below the Veazie Dam fishway, down river to the former site of the Bangor Dam, which will also be marked by two painted red markers. The open area does not include the pool below the former dam site.

3. Conditions

Directed angling for Atlantic salmon shall be permitted in the above specified open area and time period under the following conditions:

- A. Catch and release only. Any salmon hooked must be released immediately without injury;
- B. No salmon shall be removed from the water for any reason;
- C. Fly Fishing Only. Fly must be tied on a single pointed barbless, hook. Only one fly or hook can be fished at any one time (no dropper flies);
- D. Daily Catch and Release limit is two fish. Any angler who hooks and releases two salmon must stop fishing for the day;

- E. Fishing is only permitted in the open area specified in section 1.03(2) when green flags are displayed at the Veazie Dam, Eddington Salmon Club and Penobscot Salmon Club;
- F. Anglers must obtain an Atlantic salmon license in accordance with 12 M.R.S.A §9904 prior to fishing for Atlantic salmon under this section.
- G. All Atlantic salmon license holders must report all fishing activity at the end of the season on forms supplied by the Commission. Failure to comply with this reporting requirement may result in the denial of renewal of a license.

4. Closure

The Commission may close the fishery during the open season if it is deemed necessary to protect the resource. The specified open area shall be closed to all fishing for Atlantic salmon when red flags are displayed at the Veazie Dam, Eddington Salmon Club and Penobscot Salmon Club.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA §9902.

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April 1, 1979 (as Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission)

AMENDED:

June 6, 1979
 June 11, 1979 - Section 1.02 (B)(5)
 June 11, 1979 - Section 1.02 (B)(6)
 August 13, 1979 - Section 1.04 (EMERGENCY)
 April 1, 1980
 April 1, 1981 - Section 1.05 (F)
 August 17, 1981 - Section 1.05 (E) (1-3)
 July 5, 1982 - Section 1.05 (E)(3, 5 & 4)
 June 6, 1983 - Section 1.05 (E) (3-5)'
 January 2, 1984 - Section 1.05 (E)(6)
 May 1, 1984 - Section 1.04 (E), 1.05(A)& (F -J)
 March 31, 1985 - Section 1.02 (A & B), 1.05 (A & F)
 February 25, 1986 - Section 1.05 (C, E, & H)
 April 11, 1989 - Section 1.02 (A) and 5(L)
 May 1, 1990 - Section 1.05 D
 July 20,-1990 - Section 1.05 (F)(7) (EMERGENCY)
 April 7, 1992 - Sections 1.01, 1.02 and 1.03 (A-E)
 March 30, 1993
 March 6, 1994
 June 13, 1995
 July 2, 1997 (as Atlantic Salmon Authority)
 January 1, 2000 (as Atlantic Salmon Commission) -
 Sections 1.01 and 1.02 amended; Sections 1.03, 1.04, and 1.05 repealed.

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December 11, 2000 - header corrected to remove reference to Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

REPEALED AND REPLACED:

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